

Decision Record
and
Finding of No Significant Impact
for
Partial Revocation of
Executive Order 7032, dated May 1, 1935

I. Decision:

Executive Order 7032, dated May 1, 1935, withdrew and reserved two islands off Sanak Island, Alaska, for use by the Department of Commerce. I recommend that the Secretary revoke the withdrawal and reservation of the larger 98 acre island. The island is located in Sections 3 and 10 of T. 66 S., R. 91 W., SM, Alaska and forms the westerly shore of Sanak Harbor, Alaska. On March 17, 1977, the U.S. Coast Guard, on behalf of the Department of Commerce, filed a Notice of Intention to Relinquish use of the island. The Proposed Action is to accept the relinquishment and revoke the withdrawal and reservation of the 98 acre island. The island is within the Alaska Maritime National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS) will administer it.

II. Rationale for Decision:

The island was “withdrawn from settlement, location, sale or entry and was reserved for use by the Department of Commerce for lighthouse purposes.” The U.S. Coast Guard, an agency of the Department of Commerce, has determined that the island is no longer needed for the purpose for which it was withdrawn and reserved.

No land use plan exists for this area. However, the environmental analysis assesses the impacts of the Proposed Action and provides a basis for a decision on the proposal (43 CFR 1610.8(b)(1)). The decision to accept the relinquishment and revoke the withdrawal and reservation of the island does not result in any undue or unnecessary environmental degradation.

III. Finding of No Significant Impact:

Based on the analysis of potential environmental impacts contained in the attached environmental assessment, I have determined that the impacts are not expected to be significant and an environmental impact statement is not required.

IV. ANILCA Section 810 Compliance:

No significant restrictions of subsistence uses under Section 810 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act (ANILCA) have been found.

/s/ Nick Douglas
Anchorage Field Manager

August 15, 2000
Date